

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

Friday, the 25th Day of October 1974

PETROLEUM AMENDMENT BILL

Proposed Amendment

Hon. Mr COLMAN, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 2: Proposed new section 70A (2): To add the following proviso:

“Provided that, in placing the pipeline in its final position, construction work (including the provision of access for vehicles and plant) shall be confined to a strip of land—

“(a) Not more than 30 metres wide; or

“(b) Of such greater width as the Secretary (after consultation, if practicable, with the occupier of the land) may allow in any particular case owing to special circumstances—

within the strip of land defined by the Proclamation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The amendment provides that in placing the pipeline in its final position, construction work shall be confined to a 30 metre wide strip unless the Secretary of Mines allows a greater width owing to special circumstances, after consultation, if practicable, with the occupier of the land.

cause there may be implications in the Bill which may affect matters before the courts, it may now be necessary to delay its second reading until early next session.

(23/10/74)

Transport Congestion

115. Mr McLACHLAN (Rakaia) asked the Minister of Transport, Has he seen a report in the *Christchurch Press* of 9 October that the president of the Manufacturers Federation, Mr J. D. Bull, said in his annual report that "Government must act on transport", and further that "congestion is approaching crisis proportions"; and, if so, what immediate steps is he taking to rectify this unsatisfactory position?

Hon. Sir BASIL ARTHUR (Minister of Transport)—Yes I have seen the report mentioned. A new joint scheme for road carriers to assist New Zealand Railways to clear freight backlogs began on Monday, 21 October. The scheme, code-named "Operation Freight-Roll", has been designed to speed up the flow of goods, to eliminate bottlenecks and backlogs, and to make maximum use of the total internal transport capability.

(23/10/74)

Cargo Handling—Efficiency

116. Mr K. R. ALLEN (Tauranga) asked the Minister of Transport, What steps are being taken to reduce the rising cost of cargo handling on the New Zealand coast?

Hon. Sir BASIL ARTHUR (Minister of Transport)—Cargo handling efficiency is kept under constant review by all those associated with it. We are at present in a period of transition from conventional break-bulk methods of cargo handling towards unitisation and containerisation. Every encouragement is given to those parties involved in cargo handling to examine new methods to achieve the most efficient and sophisticated use of labour and equipment.

(23/10/74)

Southland—All-night Radio Service

117. Mr MUNRO (Invercargill) asked the Minister of Broadcasting, Why does the NZBC refuse to allow Southland radio listeners to hear the all-night national radio programme through station 4YZ; how much would it cost for the transmitter to be left on between 11.15 p.m. and 6 a.m. each night; and is the Minister aware of the difficulty Invercargill people have in picking up 4YA transmissions through the night?

Hon. R. O. DOUGLAS (Minister of Broadcasting)—The Director-General of Broadcasting informs me that audience research indicates that satisfactory reception of the all-night programme is usually obtainable in Invercargill from either 2YA or 4YA. Requests and phone calls to the all-night programme announcer from that city are not uncommon. The cost and consumption of power by leaving the 4YZ transmitter on overnight would not be high, but its use does not appear to be justified in view of the small number of listeners involved. The Director-General of Broadcasting advises me that no changes in the existing transmission pattern are intended at present, but the matter may well be reviewed when the new Radio New Zealand Corporation comes into operation.

(23/10/74)

URGENT QUESTION

Transferred on date shown

Waterfront Industry Tribunal—Warning of Pressure

118. Hon. J. B. GORDON (Clutha) asked the Minister of Labour, as an urgent question, Has he seen the *New Zealand Herald* report of 9 October that the Waterfront Industry Tribunal has been warned by officials of the Port Employers Association and the Waterside Workers Federation that industrial turmoil would break out if the tribunal did not change its mind and approve a 16.3 percent wage rise for watersiders, and which also reported the judge of the tribunal as stating: "The tribunal has been placed in an extraordinary position", and that he was very "concerned" at the implications relating to the current wage increase application; and, if so, does he believe (1) that the court should uphold the existent law; and (2) that New Zealand courts and tribunals should not be "subjected to pressures", as reported; and are the assertions reported not tantamount to contempt of the court?

Hon. A. J. FAULKNER (Minister of Labour)—I have seen the *New Zealand Herald* report of 9 October. The answers to the questions are: (1) Yes. (2) I am confident that the New Zealand courts and tribunals are competent to handle whatever pressures they may be subjected to. Whether or not a matter constitutes contempt of court is not for me but for the court or tribunal concerned to decide.

(10/10/74)